

RE: CG Docket No. 03-123

To: Chairman Martin;  
Commissioners Adelstein, Copps, McDowell, and Tate

I am Deaf and I need Video Relay Service (VRS) in order to be able to place and receive phone calls with hearing individuals in my own native language – American Sign Language (ASL). I am writing to strongly urge the FCC to establish a new stable, reliable, and predictable VRS rate for the next three years. I know that a long-term stable rate will directly impact the VRS services that I rely upon.

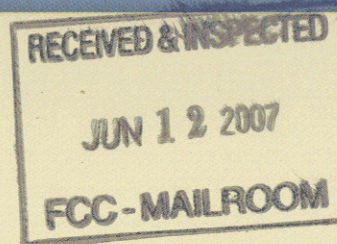
Please set a fair VRS rate that encourages VRS providers.

- Increase VRS access for all individuals through outreach programs
- Invest in the training and development of additional professional interpreters
- Improve VRS technology to ensure reliable 24/7 and 911 service

**Cutting the VRS rate would severely impact the quality of VRS, which I rely on for my communication needs.**

Respectfully, RALPH LAMBERT  
Print Name

Email RALPH\_LAMBERT@2007



Print Return Address:

*Ralph J. Lambert*  
*706 Field St.*  
*Thomasville, N.C. 27360*

# Chairman Martin, Please Set a Fair VRS Rate.

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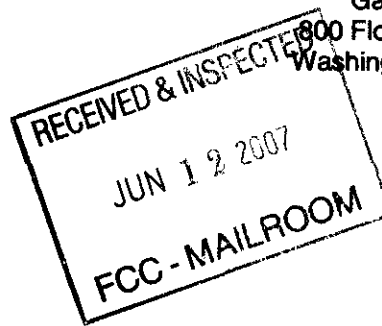
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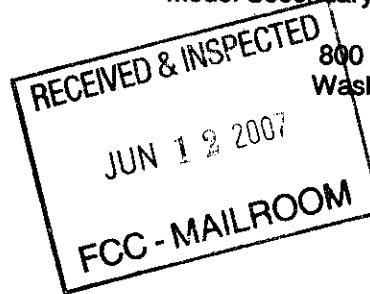
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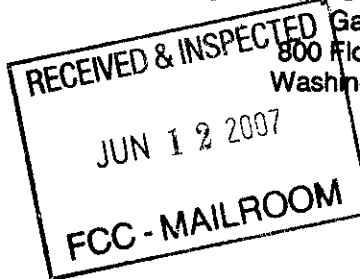
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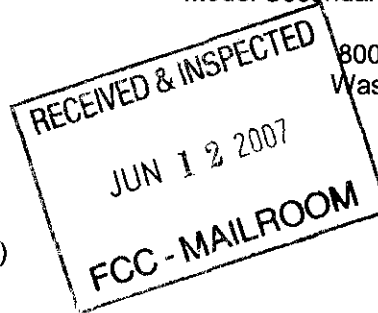
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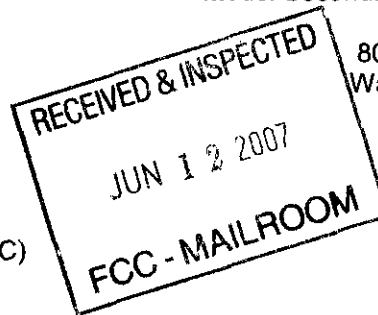
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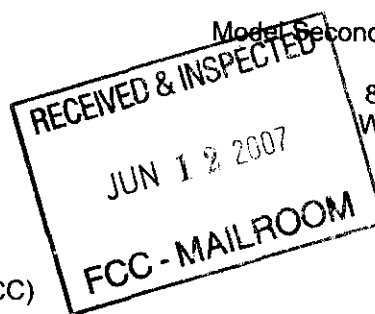
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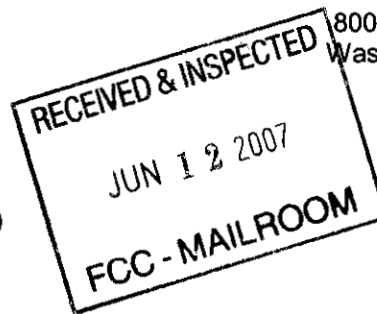
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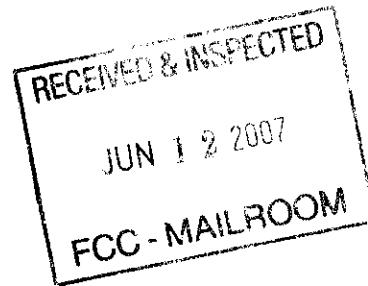
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**Dear Sirs:**

**We wish to express our feelings as a deaf couple about the fact that the FCC staff may start the idea of drastic cutbacks of Video Relay Services (VRS) services.**

**We have depended on many of the wonderful services that have been offered to us in the deaf community. So you can imagine how tough it will be, if there are VRS services cutbacks.**

**Our three daughters have been our interpreters but once they left home. We have depended on trained interpreters, the TDD and now the videophone. We use the VRS extensively.**

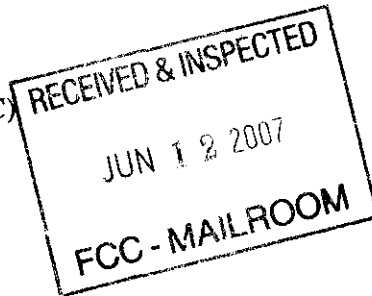
**So we beg that the FCC staff reconsider their intent to do the drastic cutbacks.**

**Thank you for consideration of this request.**

**Sincerely,  
Gale F. and Doris Walker  
VP# 317-898-7755  
E-mail: gadowa@sbeglobal.net**

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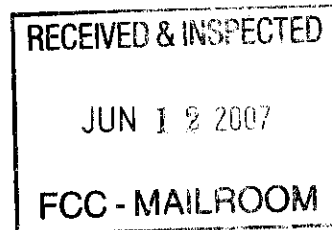
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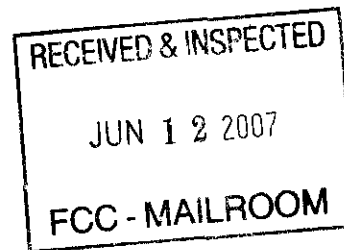
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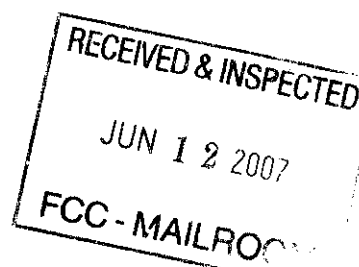
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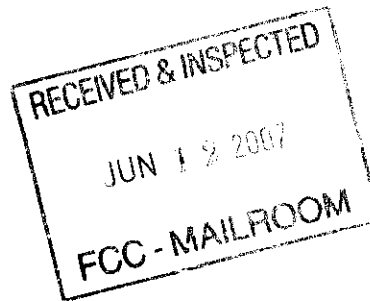
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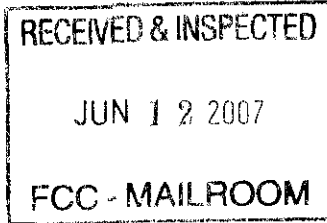
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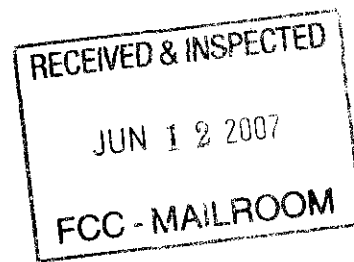
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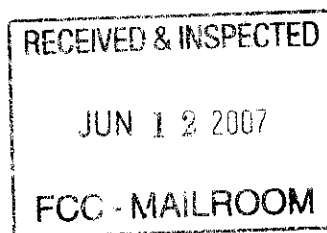
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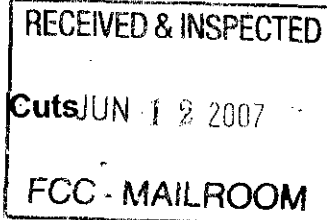
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Signature

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Printed Name

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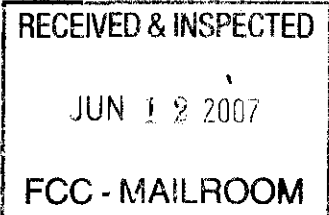
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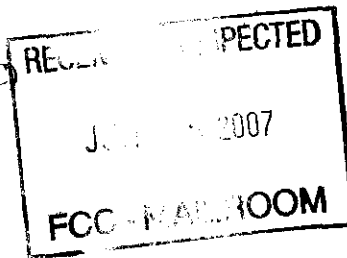
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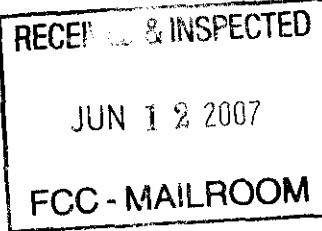
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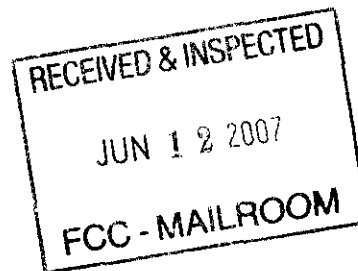
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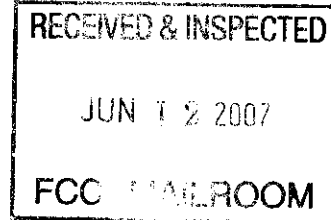
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